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- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced March 4 that it launched a mobile app for Apple and Android devices to speed public access to information about drug shortages and discontinuations of drug products. – *U.S. Food and Drug Administration* (See item [13](#))
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles reported March 4 that 4 patients were infected and 67 others may have been exposed to the deadly CRE superbug from a contaminated scope. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [14](#))
- A severe winter storm stretching from Texas to New England prompted the federal government, local governments, and a number of school districts and universities to close while airlines canceled over 1,800 U.S. flights March 5. – *Fox News; Associated Press* (See item [16](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *March 5, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Up to 2,200 gallons spilled from tank near Sunnyside.** Washington environmental officials reported March 5 that up to 2,200 gallons of used motor oil spilled into irrigation ditches and the Yakima River, an increase from initial reports that as much as 1,500 gallons of the oil leaked from an aboveground storage tank March 1. Officials determined that the tank on the Sunnyside former feed lot could hold up to 2,200 gallons and that the leak has been contained.
Source: http://www.enquirerherald.com/2015/03/05/3401137_up-to-2200-gallons-spilled-from.html
2. *March 5, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Storm knocks out power, closes roads and schools in W.Va.** Over 50,000 customers in West Virginia lost power March 5 due to a winter storm that also closed roads in at least 30 counties and schools and universities in all 55 counties in the State.
Source: <http://www.wtrf.com/story/28268107/storm-knocks-out-power-closes-roads-and-schools-in-wva>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *March 5, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Prairie Island Nuclear Plant shut down after alarm.** Plant operators shut down one of two reactors at the Prairie Island Nuclear Plant near Red Wing, Minnesota, March 5 as a precaution after a fire alarm sounded in the Unit 2 containment building. Officials stated that there was no indication of a fire and classified the incident as an “unusual event”, and reported that the unit will remain offline while authorities continue to investigate.
Source: <http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/03/05/prairie-island-nuclear-plant-shut-down-after-alarm-sounds/24423765/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *March 4, WANE 15 Fort Wayne* – (Indiana) **Employee taken to burn unit after fire at metal factory.** A worker was taken to a burn unit while other employees were evacuated after a spark ignited paint vapors at the QuikCut Metal Fabrication plant in Fort Wayne March 4. Fire crews extinguished the blaze.
Source: <http://wane.com/2015/03/04/employee-taken-to-burn-unit-after-fire-at-metal-factory/>

5. *March 4, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (International) **Dirt Devil recalls Hand Vac Turbo Tool accessory due to laceration hazard.** Royal Appliance issued a recall March 4 for about 28,000 Dirt Devil Turbo Tool attachments, including 22,000 units sold in the U.S., because the product's interior fan can break and eject from the tool housing, posing a laceration hazard. The recalled product was sold as a vacuum accessory for the corded Dirt Devil Scorpion Turbo Quick Flip Hand Vac and was sold at home improvement stores nationwide and through Web-based retailers. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Dirt-Devil-Recalls-Hand-Vac-Turbo-Tool-Accessory>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *March 5, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **US Airways flight's cabin fills with smoke after landing at DIA; passengers use escape slides.** The cabin of a US Airways flight filled with smoke while taxiing after landing at Denver International Airport prompting passengers to evacuate the plane using escape slides March 4. The cause of the smoke is being investigated and passengers were taken by bus to the terminal. Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/plane-fills-with-smoke-after-landing-at-dia-passengers-use-escape-slides03042015>
7. *March 5, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Traffic: No MARC train, commuter bus service due to inclement weather.** The Maryland Transit Administration announced March 5 that Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) train and bus services were canceled and that metro subway will operate on a delayed schedule due to a winter storm which also prompted the closure of the federal government. Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bs-md-traffic-20150305-story.html>
8. *March 4, USA Today* – (National) **Airlines have already axed more than 1,700 Thursday flights.** Airlines at more than 20 airports canceled over 2,015 flights nationwide for March 5, following the cancelation of over 1,745 flights and 3,790 delayed departures March 4 due to a severe winter storm.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/todayinthesky/2015/03/04/airlines-already-canceling-hundreds-of-thursday-flights/24366117/>

9. *March 4, WVEC 13 Hampton; Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Plane crash on foggy morning kills 3.** Virginia State Police reported that a small plane heading home from Key West, Florida, crashed at Norfolk Botanical Garden in Virginia and killed three passengers while attempting to land on a runway at Norfolk International Airport March 4. The crash remains under investigation and officials believe foggy weather may have contributed to the accident.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/03/04/virginia-plane-crash/24365409/>

10. *March 4, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **All lanes open after Highway 41/45 crash that injured four.** All lanes of State Highway 41/45 in Germantown, Wisconsin, were reopened after 3 hours March 4 due to three separate accidents involving five vehicles that left several people injured.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/traffic/all-lanes-of-northbound-4145-closed-for-crash-at-germantown-b99456191z1-295043971.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *March 4, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Bavarian Meats recalls brand loaf products due to misbranding and an undeclared allergen.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced March 4 that Seattle-based Bavarian Meats recalled about 1,400 pounds of its Bavarian Brand Loaf products due to undeclared soy caused by misbranding. The issue was discovered during FSIS inspection activities.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-039-2015-release>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

12. *March 3, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Portland fined \$25,000 for dumping chlorinated wastewater into Columbia Slough.** The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality announced the week of February 23 that it issued a \$25,000 fine to the city of Portland for illegally dumping 300,000 gallons of chlorinated wastewater into the Columbia Slough in October 2014.

Source:

http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2015/03/portland_fined_25000_for_dumping.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

13. *March 4, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **FDA launches drug shortages mobile app.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced March 4 that it launched the agency's first mobile app for Apple and Android devices to speed public access to information about drug shortages, resolved shortages, and discontinuations of drug products. The app was developed as part of the agency's efforts in the Strategic Plan for Preventing and Mitigating Drug Shortages.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm436481.htm>
14. *March 4, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Superbug outbreak extends to Cedars-Sinai hospital, linked to scope.** Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles reported March 4 that 4 patients were infected and 67 others may have been exposed to the deadly carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) superbug from a contaminated scope. The hospital removed the device and enhanced their safety measures, including a more thorough monitoring of scopes before and after procedures.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-cedars-sinai-infections-20150304-story.html#>
15. *March 4, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Hartford Hospital says patients might have been exposed to E. coli.** Hartford Hospital in Connecticut announced March 4 that it will take cultures from 281 patients who may have been exposed to a strain of E. coli that is resistant to some drugs after the hospital learned that two scopes used in procedures on the patients were not properly disinfected due to a design flaw in the devices. The hospital removed and replaced the contaminated scopes and does not believe the patients are in danger.
Source: <http://www.courant.com/health/hc-hartford-hospital-e-coli-20150304-story.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

16. *March 5, Fox News; Associated Press* – (National) **States of emergency declared as much of US braces for winter storm.** Snow, sleet, and freezing rain from a severe winter storm stretching from Texas to New England prompted the federal government, local governments, and a number of school districts and universities to close while airlines canceled over 1,800 U.S. flights March 5. West Virginia, New Jersey, Alabama, and Mississippi all declared states of emergency prior to the start of the storm.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/weather/2015/03/05/states-emergency-declared-as-much-us-braces-for-winter-storm/>

17. *March 5, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **DPS investigating phishing email scam.** Denver Public Schools (DPS) is working with police in an investigation into the February 27 loss of 7 employee direct deposit paychecks amounting to more than \$26,000 which authorities believe was caused via phishing email asking personnel to provide their DPS usernames and passwords. School officials notified all employees and urged them to be on alert for any potential phishing emails and to regularly change their account passwords.
Source: <http://www.9news.com/story/news/education/2015/03/05/dps-phishing-email-scam/24423743/>
18. *March 5, Troy Record* – (New York) **Cohoes City Hall reopens Thursday.** Environmental testing confirmed that asbestos was not airborne in Cohoes City Hall in New York, allowing the building to reopen March 5 after voluntarily closing during testing to determine if a water main break in February disrupted any asbestos in the basement of the building. Additional testing and work will continue in the basement, which will be sealed off from the rest of the facility.
Source: <http://www.troyrecord.com/general-news/20150304/cohoes-city-hall-reopens-thursday>
19. *March 4, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Two schools evacuated after threat reported.** Students from Parkway Middle School and Broward Estates Elementary School in Lauderhill were evacuated for over 3 hours March 4 due to a threat. Police did not release the nature of the threat but confirmed that a juvenile may be charged for making the threat.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/lauderhill/fl-lauderhill-school-evacuation-20150304-story.html>
20. *March 3, KCPQ 13 Tacoma* – (Washington) **Norovirus outbreak affects 35 students at 3 schools in Highline District.** Ten students from Southern Heights Elementary, 3 students from Beverly Park Elementary, and 22 students from Cascade Middle School in the Highline School District in Seattle were sickened with norovirus March 3. Officials reported that the schools were disinfecting the facilities and requested that sick students stay home for 48 hours until the symptoms are gone.
Source: <http://q13fox.com/2015/03/03/norovirus-outbreak-affects-35-students-at-3-schools-in-highline-district/>

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Emergency Services Sector

21. *March 5, Greensburg Daily News* – (Indiana) **Former police chief pleads guilty to theft, official misconduct charges.** The former police chief in Greensburg, Indiana, pleaded guilty March 4 to charges in connection to stealing close to \$73,000 in evidence money from the Greensburg Police Department after allegedly admitting to stealing the money in February following an investigation.

Source: http://www.greensburgdailynews.com/news/local_news/former-police-chief-pleads-guilty-to-theft-official-misconduct-charges/article_95652d45-8c02-59e0-8c38-1974c35272bf.html

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Information Technology Sector

22. *March 5, Help Net Security* – (International) **Angler exploit kit and domain shadowing: A deadly combination.** Security researchers at Cisco Talos Group discovered that hackers have created several hundred compromised registrant accounts, which control thousands of unique domains that were typically compromised by phishing campaigns to redirect victims to Web pages that host the Angler Exploit Kit, dubbed Domain Shadowing. The attackers use and quickly abandon the subdomains housing the exploit kit, making detection difficult.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2980

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Commercial Facilities Sector

23. *March 5, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New Jersey) **Residents displaced by Edgewater fire try to reclaim belongings.** An agreement was reached March 4 that outlined the process for finding and removing personal belongings from the AvalonBay apartment complex in Edgewater that was destroyed by a 5-alarm fire January 21. The salvage process is slated to begin March 6 and access is limited to authorized personnel only while cameras will take video of the removal work as a security measure.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/AvalonBay-Fire-Edgewater-Residents-Try-Reclaim-Belongings-Burned-Apartment-Complex-295094831.html>

24. *March 4, WNEP 16 Scranton* – (Pennsylvania) **Folks fear fire will close factory for good.** A fire that broke out March 3 at the Schott Glass Technologies manufacturing factory in Duryea, Pennsylvania, caused an estimated \$50 million in damage to half of

the facility. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation and it is unclear when the factory will reopen and resume operations.

Source: <http://wnep.com/2015/03/04/folks-fear-fire-will-close-factory-for-good/>

25. *March 4, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Credit card breach at Mandarin Oriental.** Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group confirmed March 4 that the company is investigating a potential malware infection that breached the point-of-sale (PoS) systems in some of the chain's 24 locations worldwide, including hotels in the U.S., which impacted an unknown number of customers. The investigation was initiated after financial institutions reported a pattern of fraudulent charges on payment cards used at Mandarin hotels dating back to December 2014.
Source: <https://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/03/credit-card-breach-at-mandarin-oriental/>
26. *March 4, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Police search for nightclub gunmen.** Two men were killed and five others were injured after at least 30 shots were fired into a crowd of about 200 people in the parking lot of Stingers Bar and Nightclub in San Bernardino, followed by another shooting at a nearby ARCO gas station March 4. Authorities continue to investigate the shootings which are believed to be gang-related.
Source: http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/People-Shot-Nightclub-San-Bernardino-294974301.html?_osource=SocialFlowTwt_LABrand
27. *March 4, WCIV 36 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **CFD closes downtown streets for gas leak near Wasabi.** A contractor working in downtown Charleston, South Carolina, March 4 inadvertently struck a gas link and caused a leak that forced businesses along Market Street and vendors in an open air portion of City Market to evacuate for several hours. Crews repaired the ruptured pipe before the evacuations were lifted.
Source: <http://www.abcnews4.com/story/28258838/cfd-closes-state-st-for-possible-gas-leak>
28. *March 4, WFXT 25 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Hyde Park building collapses.** Several businesses at a large industrial complex in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Boston were affected when the structure collapsed March 4 and caused gas and water leaks. Power was shut off in the area while crews addressed the incident and worked to repair several light poles that were knocked down.
Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/28261469/images-hyde-park-building-collapses>
29. *March 4, WTIC 61 Hartford* – (Connecticut) **Roof collapses at Bethel industrial park, roof leaks seen across the state as snow melts.** At least three businesses at a Claris Construction-owned industrial park in Bethel, Connecticut, closed indefinitely following a partial roof collapse March 4 due to melting snow.
Source: <http://foxct.com/2015/03/04/roof-collapses-at-industrial-park-in-bethel/>

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